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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE AFFRAY ON THE GEORGE PAGE.—In the Baltimore Sun we find the so joined deposition of Mr. Wright, sworn to before a Baltimore magistrate.

The deposition of W. H. De O. Wright, of Baltimore, in relation to the outrage on board the steamer George Page, from Alexandria, to Washington.

I was returning from the White Sulphur Springs with my family, consisting of my wife and two daughters, one with her infant and nurse and servant, together with my friend, Dr. J. P. Thom. Our baggage, in all ten trunks, had been checked at Oakland, the present terminus of the railroad, to be delivered, as I supposed, at the depot in Washington.

Having failed to make the connection with the Baltimore train, I asked the agent, Latham, who demanded my check on the boat) who was responsible for my baggage, not wishing to take it to a hotel. He replied that it would be at my own risk. I said as the connection had not been made, that my baggage ought to be held secure by the company. Latham replied, in an insulting tone, "You have not traveled much, or you would know that failures to connect often occur;" and continued, "some men have been born who should never have been born." I said, "Yes, and you are one of them." Latham then said, "I never have trouble with gentlemen." I then put myself in a position to strike, and asked if he said I was no gentleman. He did not reply, but in a very loud voice, screamed "what do you want? what do you want?" (no doubt a signal to assemble his drivers), at the same time throwing off his coat. Dr. Thom, who was near, sprang on the baggage, where we stood, and seeing Latham preparing to strike me, knocked him down. Some one behind me, whom I did not see, knocked me down, by a blow back of the ear, and he in turn was knocked down by Dr. Thom. Latham having again approached was again knocked down by Dr. Thom. They fell together to the deck, when Dr. Thom was seized by the hair by three of Latham's drivers, who held him in a stooping position until Latham, having mounted on the trunks, where he stood about as high as Dr. Thom's head, kicked him repeatedly in the face, and then struck him over the head with a heavy piece of two-inch oak plank, while he was thus held, declaring to the engineer of the boat his intention to kill him. Dr. Thom was knocked insensible, or so out of his mind, and was then let into the cabin, and while bleeding profusely, Latham approached with the plank in his hands, and endeavored to get another blow, to finish the work of murder which he had attempted. While Dr. Thom was held by Latham's three men I was held firmly on my back among the baggage by some of his party. Neither Dr. Thom nor myself were armed, and I deeply regret I am not the Hercules I am represented to be.

W. H. DE O. WRIGHT.  
Baltimore, September 1st, 1857.

THE EDWARD EVERETT LITERARY ASSOCIATION were greeted last Thursday evening, by a full auditorium in the largest hall in the "Temperance" building; each seat being occupied. The question for their public debate on the occasion was, "Which is the happier, the married or the single state." Each side was ably contested, and the debate was admirably conducted, and elicited much humor and mirth; especially in the contrasts drawn between the bachelor and the benedict. The decision was referred to the audience, who appeared about equally balanced on the question. The President, Mr. Powell, opened the meeting with a very happy address, stating the objects of the Association, and introducing the speakers as follows: "Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Callan and Mr. Maples, in the affirmative; and Messrs. Burgess and Lamond in the negative. At the conclusion a handsome bouquet was thrown to the last-named gentleman, by a lady, although his speech was anti-matrimonial.

FEMALE ENGLISH AND FRENCH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—This establishment is delightfully located in "Gadsby's Row," in the First Ward. Its duties will be resumed next Monday. Hiram Corson, Esq., the principal, has charge of the English and Classical departments, and is a gentleman of high and varied literary attainments, and an able and graceful writer. Madame Corson and her sister, Madlle Rollin, attend to the French, Spanish, and German classes, and to Drawing and Painting. These ladies are of Parisian birth and education, are highly accomplished, and possess all the acquirements for imparting instruction with facility and grace. Other capable instructors in the Institute are engaged for music, &c., and all other accomplishments of a fully educated lady.

The Institute numbers among its patrons some of the highest officers in the Civil Departments of the Government, and many of the most distinguished in the Navy and Army. It has enjoyed a high reputation, and we are glad to learn, that it will commence its new session under the most flattering and favorable auspices.

SERVED RIGHT.—On Wednesday afternoon, two young men, H. Duvall and Wm. Conway, were arrested and taken to the guard house for fighting in the street. Duvall was released on bail for a hearing this morning, but Conway was retained all night. Conway and Duvall were walking in company, when the former took occasion, in passing a respectable lady, to offer her a gross insult, by placing his hand upon her person. Duvall, disgusted with his companion, abruptly left him, saying he would have nothing to do with a man who would insult a lady. Wm. Conway, and Conway struck Duvall, who returned the blow with a compound interest; knocked Conway down, and was dragging him by the collar, when Duvall, who was cheerfully paid his fine, and claimed that all decent people would say he had done right, an expression of opinion which seemed to be in sympathy with the feelings of his audience.

FORT WASHINGTON.—The excursion and picnic of the Sabbath School of Sixth Church, on Tuesday last, was a most pleasant and delightful affair. The parties enjoyed themselves, each in their own way, to their mutual satisfaction. The morning was spent in the park, and the afternoon in the return voyage, and helped himself so freely and complacently to provender not his own, worth to remember that "anything that is not worth asking for, is not worth having." Some people are hard to please—the more you try to please them, the more you may. They are best satisfied when they can eat and drink at anybody's expense, except their own; and when compelled to pay a fair price, are constantly grumbling either at the quality or quantity of the article purchased. Well, we suppose they can't help it.

DEATH OF COMMODORE CASSIN.—The venerable Com. Stephen Cassin, died at his residence in Georgetown, D. C., on Saturday last, in the 76th year of his age. He entered the navy fifty-seven years ago, when a boy, and served under Perry at the battle of Lake Erie, where he distinguished himself, and was promoted. He was a terror to the pirates who infested the Atlantic Ocean, and on the 28th and 29th September, 1823, he captured five piratical vessels. He also commanded the Ticonderoga under Com. McDonough, on Lake Champlain, in 1814. In consequence of ill health he had been but 11 years sea service, and was on the reserved list at the time of his death.

The row of elegant dwellings being erected for the use of the Vice President, Senator Douglas, and Hon. Mr. Rice, on I street, near the Public Printing Office Square, are nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy before the session of Congress. They make a fine appearance from nearly all parts of the city.

The Rev. Dr. PINKNEY, of Bladenburg, has accepted the call made upon him by the members of the Church of the Ascension, of this city, and will enter upon his duties as Pastor, on Sunday, October 11th.

MUSICAL.—On Tuesday night next, there will be a meeting of persons favorable to the formation of a class for improvement in the study and practice of music, under the charge of Mr. GLENNY. The meeting will be in the session room of Sixth Presbyterian Church.

VERMONT.—Out of thirty-two representatives one Democrat is elected.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamship Vanderbilt arrived at New York day before yesterday, from Southampton, bringing dates to August 25. The latest intelligence from India was received by telegraph on the day of the sailing of the steamer, and confirms the former statement of the capture of Cawnpore by the insurgents, and the massacre of the European inhabitants of the place. Delhi still held out, and all the native troops in Oude had revolted. The complication of Indian affairs began to excite alarm in England. Vigorous debates had taken place in Parliament, and the rapid drain of men and vessels for India was regarded as a means of weakening the country of its defenses. An article in the London Times comments upon a speech of Lord Palmerston, in Parliament, in significant language. The affairs of Turkey present no new features. The commercial news by this arrival is favorable; large sales of Cotton are reported; Grain was lower; Consols 90 3/4.

The net amount in the Treasury subject to draft is \$10,600,000; of which there are in New York nearly nine and one-third millions; at Philadelphia, two millions and two-thirds, and at New Orleans, over a million and a half.

FRENCH REFUGEES IN ENGLAND.—In the House of Commons, on the 21st—

Mr. W. Williams asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether there was any truth in the rumor that, in compliance with an application of the Government of France, the Government of this country would expel some of the French refugees who had sought an asylum in this country?

Lord PALMERSTON.—My answer is, in the first place, that no such application has been received from the Government of France; and, in the next place, something like the excuse of a village for not ringing their bells in the time of Charles II, that they had no bells to ring—that we have no power by law to grant the application. (Cheers and laughter.)

## INDIA.

Confirmation of the Fall of Cawnpore—Delhi still held by the Rebels.

The Times of the 22d has the following latest news:

"ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 14, 9 P. M.

The *Nubia* arrived at Suez to-day. She brings dates from Calcutta to the 21st July; Madras, 25th July; Galle, 28th July; Aden, 31st inst.

It is stated that Delhi is not taken, but the date is not given.

General Barnard is reported to have died from dysentery.

The news given in the Bombay Times of the 14th of July by last mail, respecting the taking of Cawnpore by the rebels and the massacre of the Europeans there, is confirmed.

The Suez telegraphic message then goes on to say as follows:

"SINGAPORE, 14th July.—The *Himalaya* arrived at Calcutta with about 1,500 of China troops, to proceed at once upon country. Only 300 more troops expected, Gen. Hancock's force." Rebels beaten on three occasions, and several guns taken, between Allahabad and Cawnpore; the latter retaken from Nana Sahib, whom Havelock is following up the Blittee, at about ten miles.

Sir Henry Lawrence died of wounds received in a sortie from Lucknow, where at present all is well.

All the troops in Oude mutinied. Agra all quiet. Native troops disarmed. Gwalior Contingent mutinied. Supposed to have murdered their officers.

No political China news given.

The Transit Government steamer totally lost in the Straits of Sunda. Crew and troops all arrived at Suez to-day.

It was said in London that a plan had been submitted to the Board of Control and the India House, for establishing a postal communication with India via Asiatic Turkey.

The European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company is about to be carried out from Bagdad northward.

\* This is probably Havelock. † Probably Bithoor.

RUSSIA.

The Russians were said to have been defeated on the banks of the Kuban; they lost six guns and sixty-four pack-horses. It is said that Schamyl, with 25,000 Circassians had also defeated the Russian army, which attempted to dislodge him from the banks of a river commanding some passes. After a battle which lasted ten hours the Russians were driven across the river. Several fortified places, built by the Russians at great cost for the maintenance of their communications, fell into Schamyl's hands.

PERSIA.

Despatches from Teheran had been received at the Foreign Office in Paris. The news of the Bengal mutiny had produced a profound sensation in Persia. Fearing disturbance, the Shah had determined not to reduce his army for the present.

By telegraph from Trieste, we learn that Mr. Murray had demanded from Persia the immediate evacuation of Herat.

AFRICA.

Intelligence from Tunis of the 18th announces that a sanguinary disturbance took place three days before against the Jews, and even the Christians were molested. Several persons were killed, and the English Consulate was plundered. Military measures of repression were adopted, but not until some grave disasters had taken place.

The dissensions in the Greek Church in Syria and Egypt appear to be as angry as ever.

Official confirmation had been received in England of the murders of the African travellers, Dr. Vogel and Corporal Maguire, Royal Engineers. Dr. Vogel was beheaded by order of the Sultan, Corporal Maguire, R. E., was murdered by a party of Turbeks some six marches to the north of Kuka. Apprehending danger, he had traced a few lines in pencil to our Vice-Consul at Murzuk, requesting him, in the event of his death, to discharge a small sum due to his people. The gallant fellow made a desperate defence, and dispatched several of his murderers before he fell. The melancholy events tend strongly to confirm the opinion that no profitable commerce can be opened with Central Africa over the Desert from Tunis or Tripoli. The true way must be by means of its great rivers—the Nile, the Niger and the Zambeze.

REMARKABLE REY OF BAD LUCK.—A down-town merchant received a remittance from one of his correspondents, in the shape of a draft on the Ohio Life and Trust Company for \$3,000, on the very day on which the institution closed its doors. He immediately telegraphed the fact to his debtor, who sent him another draft on John Thompson, which arrived the day after the failure of that broker; the merchant again telegraphed the failure, and received in a few days another draft on Atwood & Co., just as the firm suspended.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, Augusta, Sept. 9.—The Baptist Central Association of Georgia, at a recent meeting in Morgan county, reported the action of the American Tract Society in regard to slavery, and recommends the Church South to withhold its patronage, and to discontinue the efforts of agents, the raising of funds by colporteurs, and the sale of Northern Baptist works until the society shall rescind its recent action, and go back to its original silence on the subject of slavery.

HEAVY PENALTY.—Mr. Stephen Burr, of Brewster's Station, Putnam county, was fined \$100 on Monday, for selling liquor without license. His counsel demurred to this judgment, and the case has been carried to the Supreme Court.—*New York Times.*

The room in the Smithsonian Institute, designed for the reception of the National Museum, is being fitted up, and a portion will be ready in a few weeks, when the articles will be transferred from their present scattered localities.

POST OFFICE ROBBERY, New London, Sep. 1.—The post office at this place was robbed last night of the bag containing the New York and Southern mails. There is no trace of the robber.

The Franklin Fire Company and the Western Hose Company, are making preparations to unite in the Firemen's parade in Philadelphia, in October next.

## SECOND GRAND EXCURSION

OF THE STILL CLUB.

THE MEMBERS OF THE STILL CLUB, in answer to the friends and the public generally, that at the earnest request of the citizens of Washington and Leonardtown, they have determined to give an Excursion to Leonardtown and Piney Point on Friday, September 11, 1857.

They have chartered the safe and commodious Steamer, POWHATAN, Captain MITCHELL, for the occasion.

WITHERS' Brass and String Band have been engaged.

Tickets furnished by an experienced caterer.

TICKETS two dollars, admitting a gentleman and two ladies; to be had of the Committee or on board of the Boat on the morning of the Excursion, and at the following places. O. Boswell's Drug Store, corner Virginia Avenue and Seventh street. Captain Birch's foot of Eleventh street. Mr. Hoffman's opposite Centre Market; Joseph E. Burch, Pennsylvania Avenue between Second and Third streets; William Yoots, corner of Seventh and L streets; J. D. Birch, F street between Eighth and Ninth, Island; J. W. Bean, Old York House, N. Y. Yard; J. Willet, do.

The Boat will leave Washington at eight o'clock A. M.; Alexandria at half past eight. Returning she will leave Piney Point on Saturday (12th) at 10 P. M. Omnibuses will leave the Navy-Yard at Seven o'clock, and the Capitol at half past seven o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements.

Jackson Humphrey, Edward Webb, William Whitmore, R. L. Childers, J. D. Birch, Robert Gunnell, Au 22-d, Edwin Allen.

FIRE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia offers to the property owners of the District the cheapest and as safe means of insurance against loss by fire as any other company, as will appear by an examination of its principles.

The fact that all of the Insurance Companies of the District are declaring large dividends to their stock holders, at once shows the great profit on their premiums, and the consequent saving to persons insuring with this company.

The actual cost of insurance in this company the past year has been but nine cents on each \$100 of first-class property, and on other property in proportion.

ULYSES WARD, President, CHARLES WILSON, Secretary, MATTHEW G. EMERY, Treasurer, MANAGERS.

Ulyses Ward, John Dick, John Magruder, John Van Riewick, Office adjoining (north) the Bank of Washington.

No. 405. JOSEPH F. HODGSON, Dealer in Stoves, Tin, and Britannia Ware. Seventh Street between H and I.

NO. 405. HAS NOW AND ALWAYS KEEPS FOR SALE at the above place, a large stock of the best Cooking Stoves in the market, warranted to bake, or no charge.

He has a fine assortment of the following wares—Plated Tin Ware, Block Tin and Britannia Ware, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, &c.

A large lot of Lamps, Britannia, Globe, Brass, and Parlor Lamps.

ALSO. A general assortment of Tin Ware and Kitchen requisites. He has also an excellent assortment of the best Preserving Kettles in the market, enameled Saucepans, &c., &c., which he will sell at low prices. Call and examine for yourselves.

NO. 304. FINE CONFECTIONERY. HAVING ERECTED A BAKE OVEN AND Bake-House on my own premises, I have commenced the manufacture of all kinds of Cakes in Philadelphia styles, by a Philadelphia workman; something new, which the public are respectfully invited to call and try. And from that time forth all customers will be supplied from Cakes daily, and at as low rates as can be purchased in this city, and all made of the best materials.

Parties of all kinds supplied with all kinds of Fancy Cakes, Lady Cakes, Pyramids, Ice Cream, and Water Cakes, plain or in moulds, and sent to all parts of the city. All I ask is to give me a fair trial.

G. H. RIDENOUR, Penn. ave. between 9th and 10th streets.

N. B. I have a private Ice Cream Saloon up stairs for Ladies.

CARD. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY (AU gus 2d) entered into partnership in the House Carpenters and Joiners business, and having erected a new and commodious Shop in the rear of JACKSON HALL, Third and Fourth and a-half streets, are prepared to contract for and perform all work in their line of business, either in city or country, with their friends or the public may favor them, on accommodating terms with promptness and despatch. They respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

GEORGE W. GARRETT & CO. They have several houses and lots for sale in different parts of the city on accommodating terms.

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LAW NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED WILL ATTEND THE Circuit and Criminal Courts of this District, and the Court of Claims, and will promptly perform such professional duties as may be entrusted to his charge.

His office, at present, is at the southwest corner of Eleventh and "P" frosting New York Avenue.

An 14-1f V. ELLIS.

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